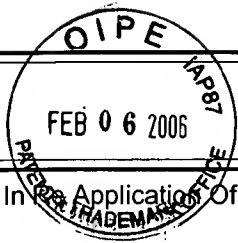


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DC0258US.NP

In Application Of: **Supattone and Deleault**

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